

REMARKS

Claims 1-60 are pending in the present application. In this amendment, Claims 1, 14, 27, 40, and 57-60 have been amended. The Examiner has rejected claims 1-60 under U.S.C. 103(a). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection as follows.

Applicants respectfully submit that the cited references, singly or in combination, do not disclose the claimed invention. Specifically, per claims 1-56, none of the references discloses “encapsulating the received floor-control request in an Internet protocol (IP) datagram suitable for transmission via the Internet” or “transmitting the Internet protocol (IP) datagram on a reverse common channel of the wireless network to a corresponding group communication controller via the Internet,” as now claimed in all independent claims.

Per claims 57-60, Applicants respectfully submit that the cited references, singly or in combination, do not disclose “packaging the received floor-control request in an Internet protocol (IP) datagram suitable for transmission via the Internet,” “transmitting the IP datagram . . . as a short data burst on a reverse common channel of the wireless network to a controller via the Internet,” “re-establishing the traffic channel for the communication device simultaneously with the transmitting the IP datagram,” or “renegotiating a radio link protocol (RLP) for the communication device simultaneously with the transmitting the IP datagram,” as now claimed.

Therefore, since the cited references do not teach at least the above limitation, Applicants request the Examiner to withdraw this rejection and pass the claims for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In light of the amendments contained herein, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance, for which early action is requested.

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